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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel.*

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00104

Ex Parte: In the matter concerning
the regulation of certain towing fees.

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEEDING

Chapter 245 (Senate Bill 450) of the 2024 Va. Acts of Assembly ("Act"), directed the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") in an uncodified enactment to examine the regulation of certain towing fees as follows:

1. § 1. The State Corporation Commission ("Commission") shall examine the existing regulation of fees charged for the removal of motor vehicles, trailers, and parts thereof left on private property in violation of § 46.2-1231 of the Code of Virginia and for the removal of trespassing vehicles under § 46.2-1215 of the Code of Virginia and shall identify policy options for the Commission to assume all or part of such regulation. Such policy options shall include various levels of Commission involvement in such regulation. Each policy option shall identify the necessary statutory and regulatory changes to enact such policy option and shall include the resources needed by the Commission to fulfill its duties under such policy option. Such resources may include additional staffing, funding, or training as well as the information needed from operators, localities, or other sources. The Commission shall report its findings to the General Assembly by November 30, 2024.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the foregoing, is of the opinion and finds that a proceeding should be established for the purpose of inviting public comments to be filed pertaining to the matters and issues described in the Act.

The Commission finds that the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") should be directed to furnish copies of this Order to interested persons and entities, including, but not limited to, representatives of the towing industry, representatives of local governments, and state agencies having jurisdiction related to or concerning Virginia's towing industry. Interested persons and

entities are invited to file comments concerning the matters and issues described in the Act. Such public comments will be taken into consideration with other research and analyses conducted by Staff through its technical consultants pertaining to the requirements of the Act.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2024-00104.

(2) Within ten (10) business days hereof, Staff shall transmit electronically or by first-class mail copies of this Order to individuals, organizations, companies, and governmental entities identified by Staff as potentially having an interest in this proceeding and solicit their input. Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of transmission and include a list of names and addresses of the persons and entities to whom the Order was transmitted.

(3) On or before August 15, 2024, any interested person or entity may submit comments concerning the matters and issues described in the Act for the Commission's consideration. Comments can be submitted by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All submissions shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00104.

(4) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.